

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The accompanying Appendix includes replacement sheets 5/14, 6/14 and 10/14 directed to Figs. 6, 7 and 11 of the drawings, respectively, which are currently amended. The following describes the corrective revisions made thereto:

1. In Fig. 6 the listings of the reference character representations BLTV, BLBV and DD were corrected to BLT, BLB and VDD, respectively, consistent with the related reference characters shown in the drawings and discussed in the Specification.

2. In Fig. 7 the listings of reference characters are likewise corrected from BLTV, BLBV, DD and SS to BLT, BLB, VDD and VSS, respectively, consistent with the related showings in that illustration and Specification.

3. In Fig. 11 the missing reference numerals 135 and 144 were appropriately inserted therein, consistent with the related description.

Attachments:

Replace sheets 5/14, 6/14 and 10/14 (including Figs. 6, 7 and 11).

Annotated sheets showing changes made to Figs. 6, 7 and 11.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application, as currently amended, is respectfully requested.

Several revisions were effected in the Substitute Specification to correct discovered informalities therein. One of the revisions is strictly of a minor grammatical nature and the second corrects a software printing error made in connection with the preparation of the earlier submitted Substitute Specification. That is, the revision to page 15 of the Substitute Specification is in conformance with that shown in related Fig. 3 of the drawings and is also consistent with the originally submitted Specification (see the first full paragraph on page 20 of the originally submitted Specification). In other words, above changes are strictly related to matters of form and, therefore, acceptance of the same is respectfully requested.

The amendments made to the drawings, it is submitted, remove the outstanding informalities directed thereto. The changes made thereto are clearly explained above, under the heading Amendments to the Drawings and by the accompanying annotated drawing sheets. Accordingly, acceptance/formal entry of the accompanying replacement sheets 5/14, 6/14 and 10/14, which are directed to Figs. 6, 7 and 11, respectively, is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, also, claims 1 – 6 and 8 – 18 are pending of which claims 1 and 2 were amended, claims 14 – 18 were newly presented. Claims 4 – 6 and 8 – 13 stand withdrawn from purposes of examination as a result of an earlier election made without traverse.

The amendments made to the claims include revisions that are, basically, of a clarifying nature including to remove each and every matter raised with regard to the previously standing rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. For example,

expressions such as "... capable of connecting ...," in base claim 1, were replaced by more specifically defining expressions. Also, concerns regarding questions of proper antecedent basis are no longer at issue. The referred to expression "the voltage level of a word line" in both instances with regard to base claim 1 is now recited in terms of a "first signal" that is applied to a word line for controlling the p channel type third transistor to provide electrical connection of the first node and the first bit line as well as for controlling the p channel type fourth transistor to provide electrically connection of the second node and the second bit line. Other changes of a clarifying nature were also effected in the claims which should be clearly understood from a reading thereof.

Regarding multiple dependent claim 7, it has been accordingly re-presented as three new dependent claims 14 – 16 to thereby cover the multiple claim dependency directed to claims 1 – 3, in keeping also with corresponding requirement in the Office Action. It should be noted, however, that the recited language in claim 7 was editorially revised for purposes of enhancing the clarity. This should be apparent from a reading of the newly presented dependent claims 14 – 16 (Please see the discussion on page 7, line 15 et seq. of the Substitute Specification or paragraph [0022] of U.S. Publication No. US 2004-108526 A1, which corresponds to the publication number of the present application). Claims 17 and 18 were also added in connection with highlighting the types of transistors and channel conductivity types pertaining thereto, as an example thereof, although not limited thereto.

It is submitted all previously rendered concerns have been obviated with the above made amendments. Therefore, insofar as presently applicable, the rejection

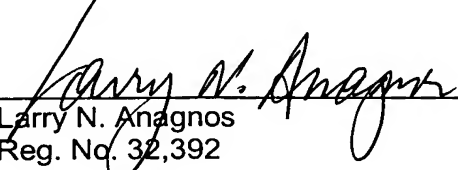
under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is traversed and reconsideration and withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

Since no further issues remain outstanding, favorable action on the present claims, as currently amended, is respectfully requested. In this regard, it is noted that the previously pending claims 1 – 3 and 7 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter and that such claims would be formally allowed upon obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 (see Item 10 in the detailed Action). In this regard, each and every matter raised with regard to this rejection has been addressed to thereby overcome the outstanding questions of definiteness.

Therefore, in view of the above made amendments together with these accompanying remarks, withdrawal of the outstanding objections/rejection as well as favorable action on claims 1 – 3 and 14 – 18 and early formal notification of allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1374.43253X00).

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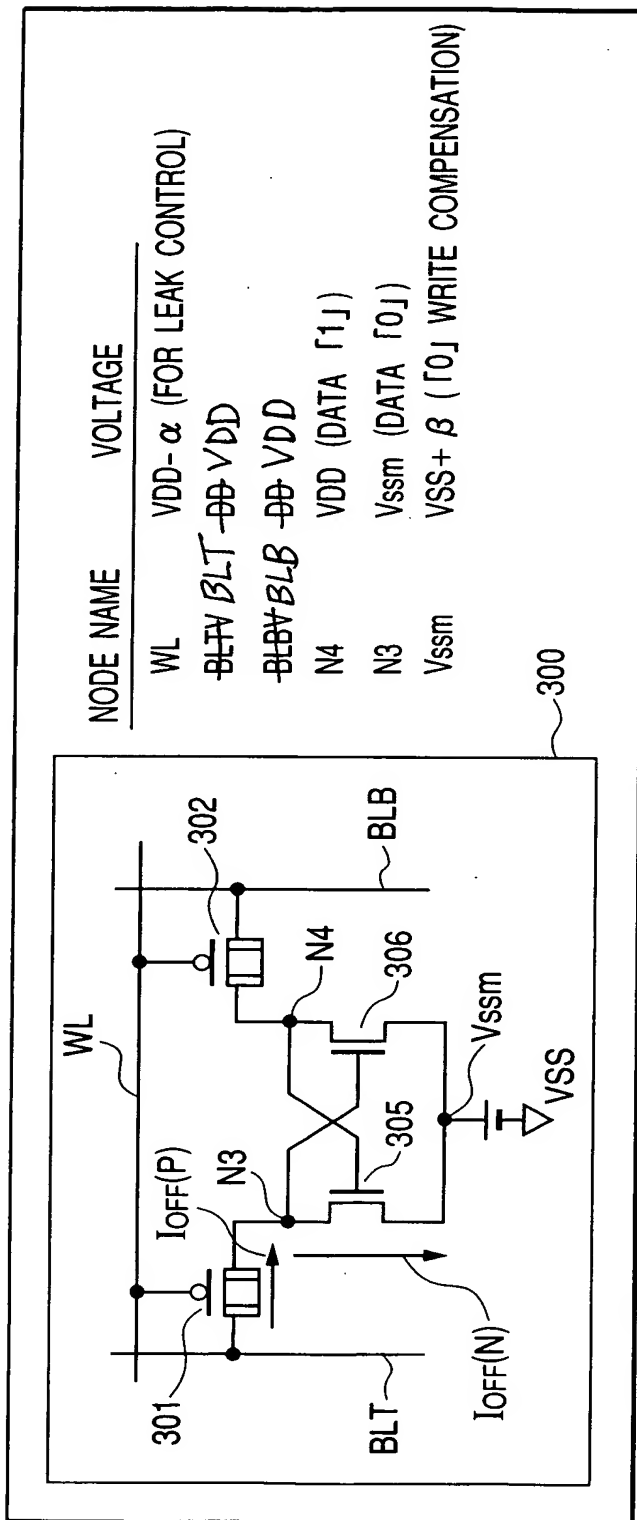
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FIG. 6



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FIG. 11

